

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 36 - 73 are pending.

Claims 36 and 39-53 stand rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 37 and 38 are objected to by the Examiner.

Claims 54 – 73 are allowed.

Claims 37 and 38 have been amended, without prejudice, herein.

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation Examiner's assessment that claims 36 – 73 are allowable. Applicant herein cancels claims 1 – 35, without prejudice, and with reservation of the right to prosecute those claims, or the subject matter thereof, in this or a subsequent application.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner have been addressed and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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